

"Democracy is based upon the conviction that there are extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people" —Dr. H. E. Foudick

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"Truth, justice, and the welfare of man depend on individuals with the courage and opportunity to express their opinions." —Lancelot Whyte

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## VARIED PROGRAM BY SALVATION ARMY HEADED BY MANCHESTER, CONN. BAND

Chief speaker at the two-day Salvation Army program in Northfield at the town hall on Sept. 10 and 11, will be Col. William H. Fox, Provincial Commander for the Salvation Army in New England.

The musical program on Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock and Sunday afternoon, at 3 p. m. will be furnished by the brilliant and versatile Manchester, Conn. Corps Band and Chorus under the direction of Bandmaster C. Peter Carlson. This musical organization, which has been nationally acclaimed, will be supported by a chorus under the direction of Robert Lyons. A Cornet

Soloist will be a special feature in all events during the week end.

An Old Fashioned Revival Hour will be held Sunday evening at 7:30, with the band, chorus and speakers furnishing a full evening for all attending.

Other speakers during the evening will be Mrs. Col. William H. Fox, Sr. Major Emil Nelson and Brigadier C. D. Brindley. A large supporting staff will assist the principal speakers.

The admission will be free to all three programs and a collection will be taken to defray costs for the two day program.

## "WATER-WITCH" SAVES THE DAY AS DROUGHT DRIES MANY LOCAL WELLS

The continuing drought is affecting the water supply of many local residents as is indicated by the warning issued by Frank Williams of the Northfield Water Company and the efforts by individual well users to replenish their dwindling supply.

At least two local residents were

forced to call upon a well known "water witch", Clarence C. Prouty of Millers Falls, to locate a supply of water for them.

Merle A. Jones and Norman Way of Northfield Farms called Clarence in to help them out in the emergency. The PRESS was present when Clarence surveyed the area in order to find an underground stream or spring.

Clarence, who has been engaged in water witching for some twelve years, has no particular preference when it comes to the type of wood to use for the "divining rod". Although when it comes to picking a forked stick he would rather use a light type, because as Clarence put it, "The heavier type twig escapes the skin right off my hands when the water begins to pull."

The Millers Falls "water witch" has been busy of late assisting parched residents of Northfield, Gill, Phillipston and several other surrounding towns.

In one instance his findings of the depth of one particular well were substantiated almost to the foot by United States government officials who had previously discovered the depth of the well through the use of scientific instruments.

In the case of the Jones-Way water problem, Prouty quickly and efficiently determined the location and depth of the water supply needed to replenish dried-up wells. In this search he used a forked twig cut from a nearby birch.

Recently Clarence has adopted a newer method to determine the depth of the strams he discovers with his "divining rod." It is simply to tie a heavy cord to his wrist watch. The watch, of course is removed from the wrist. Then this combination is dangled over the potential source of water. It must be held rigidly and firmly. The watch will then swing slightly, too and fro, each swing indicating a foot in depth. The total number of swings indicates the number of feet to the water.

At the time of the Jones-Way survey it was discovered that one source of water was at 12 feet, the other at 8 feet. Digging was then concentrated at the 8 foot location.

Upon being pressed as to why and how the watch will swing to indicate the number of feet, Clarence simply said, "I don't know." None of the observers could offer a reasonable explanation. Apparently it is not needed when water was found at that depth.

His services will be in demand if this drought keeps drying up the wells.

Scientific or not — the water sure tastes good!

## New Sites Proposed For Swimming Pool

According to reports several new sites have been suggested to the local swimming pool committee. These sites are being investigated in addition to the numerous sites already studied by the committee.

No further plans for making public the available information have been announced by the committee. It can be assumed however that in the event a special town meeting is called for the purpose of forming a committee to study the question of regional consolidation, then the swimming pool question would be placed in the warrant.

## Do You Know Massachusetts?

(Compiled by state planning board)

DO YOU KNOW THAT ... The revised estimate by the U. S. Census Bureau puts the population of Massachusetts as of July 1, 1948, at 4,638,000 exclusive of persons in the armed forces overseas. This was an increase of 321,000 over April 1, 1940 ... The Commonwealth had a net in-migration of 96,000 persons between 1940 and 1948, being one of only 16 states that gained through migration, according to the census calculation ... Average of the 1949 tax rates for 311 of the 351 Massachusetts cities and towns is \$42.38, an increase of 76 cents or 1.6% over that of last year. For the same places, the total of assessed valuations increased 5.8% and appropriations 7.6% ... Associated industries reports that the value of new orders received by textile manufacturers in Massachusetts, including cotton, woolen and worsteds, during June was 50% more than in June a year ago and in total makes the biggest month's new business since February 1948 ... Massachusetts public schools participating in the national school lunch program last year brought more than 100,000 pounds of food to students, a 10% increase over 1948 ... Products received from the U. S. Department of Agriculture ... There are at present 133 communities in Massachusetts having protective zoning by-laws or ordinances in effect, representing more than 85% of the State's population.

Refugees, a tragic and desolate sight according to the group, fill the gutters and the streets of (Old) Delhi and crowd the streets before the palace where the group met with Nehru.

Some of the group went to see the fabulous "Taj Mahal", which most of them had already seen when their plane had circled over it on their arrival.

## ARGONAUTS VISIT INDIAN LEADER NEHRU, FIND HIM A REMARKABLE MAN

Tax Bills in the Mail Committm't \$100,706

Tax Collector Charles F. Slate announced this week that property tax bills have been completed and were put in the mail August 5. The total commitment amounts to \$100,706.90, with \$12,471.50 on personal property and \$88,234.40 on real estate.

According to the schedule on the new bills the Collector's office hours have been slightly changed. The Collector will now be at the town hall on Thursdays from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. and from 6 p. m. to 8 p. m.

## Town Topics

Mrs. Ernest N. Kirmann was called home to Pittsburg, Pa., following the death of her father early this week.

Mrs. James Lent of Attleboro, a former summer resident of this town for many years is a guest of Mrs. Grace Cornhill at her home on Winchester road.

Mrs. Richard A. Watson of this town and her daughters, Elsie and Dorothy are expected home shortly from their trip to California.

Neighborhood friends were entertained Saturday evening with a showing of colored slides by Mrs. Everett Labb at the home of Mrs. L. B. Labella. Guests at the home of Mrs. L. B. Labella are Mrs. Arthur Lettusa and son Arthur; Mrs. J. Chapman, Mrs. M. Regan, all from Nutley, N.J.

## LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS JOURNEY TO MIDDLETOWN FOR IMPORTANT GAME

The Blue Sox walloped the Red Sox in the fifth and final game of the present series — 24 to 6.

Summary:

	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Miller, lf, 3,	4	3	2	0	1	0
Halloway, a,	6	3	5	0	1	0
Casey, p,	6	2	2	2	3	0
Jack, 1,	5	3	4	5	0	0
Repeta, 2,	3	3	3	1	1	0
Fortier, 3, c,	5	2	2	2	0	0
Allen, c,	2	1	2	8	1	0
Mann, lf,	2	1	1	0	0	0
Martin, cf,	3	1	1	0	0	0
Gibson, cf,	2	1	1	0	0	0
Ware, rf,	3	2	3	0	0	0
Amsden, rf,	1	2	1	0	0	0

Totals ..... 42 24 27 18 7 0

Red Sox

	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Gaida, s,	4	0	1	0	1	1
Don Hiller, 2, p,	3	0	0	0	1	0
Mankowski, 1,	4	0	2	4	0	0
Smith, rf,	2	1	0	0	0	0
Mello, p,	2	1	1	1	3	0
Avery, p,	0	0	0	0	0	0
Griswold,	1	0	0	0	0	0
Parker, c,	5	0	1	2	0	0
Dave Hiller, lf,	2	2	1	0	0	0
Mankowski, 3,	2	1	1	1	1	0
Scott, cf,	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jordan, cf,	1	0	1	0	0	0

Totals ..... 24 6 7 18 6 2

Blue Sox ..... 3 2 3 2 11 — 24

Red Sox ..... 0 1 0 2 0 3 — 6

Two-base hits, Halloway, Casey, Jack, Repeta, Fortier, Ware, Mankowski; three-base hits, Mello, Halloway; home runs Halloway, Casey, Allen; left on bases, Blue Sox 7, Red Sox 6; hits off Mello 13 in 4 innings, Avery 11 in 1½ innings, Hiller 3 in ½ innings, Casey 7 in 6 innings; hit, by pitcher, by Mello (Miller) by Casey (Dave Hiller); struck out by Casey 10, Mello 7, Avery 3; base on balls, off Casey 6, Mello 3, Don Hiller 2; winning pitcher, Casey; losing pitcher, Mello; Umpires, Amsden, Miller, McLean and Marshall.

George Casey announced today an allstar team from the two local Little League teams has been picked to go to Middletown, Conn., for an exhibition game next Saturday. The Connecticut state Champion ships will be run off after this game, which is scheduled for 3 p. m.

Twelve players chosen from a group of 36 will represent Northfield. Because of rules of the league, at least three of the boys must be in the nine-year age group and not more than four in the 12-year group. The remainder of the team is made up of boys ranging in ages between nine and 12.

All members of the two Little League teams will be taken and it is hoped that many of the townspeople will go along to root for the team. It will be the first time that any of them have played to an audience other than people that they know. Familiar faces in the crowd will boost the morale considerably, and help to ease that "all alone against the world" feeling.

Plans are in progress to form two more Little League teams here and Casey invites every boy between nine and twelve who hasn't already tried out for the teams. He also would like a little more help in coaching from a few more of the town's older baseball players.

Names, ages and batting averages of Northfield Little League All-Stars follow:

Name	Age	Average
Marvin Halloway	12	.666
Gary Casey	9	.500
John Mankowski	12	.500
"Butch" Smith	11	.500
Peter Jack	11	.476
Charles Repeta	11	.400
Joe Fortier	12	.400
George Mello	11	.363
Stanley Gaida	9	.187
Don Hiller	11	.153
"Winkey" Allen	12	.750
Dave Hiller	9	.333

## Caution Water Users

The Northfield Water Company has requested that customers exercise caution in the use of water, at least until reserve stocks of water are replenished by rain.

## Town Topics

The W. C. T. U. will not hold a food sale this month but hope to hold one in September.

Mrs. Herbert Stevens of Worcester is visiting her mother, Mrs. Beale Symonds.

Mrs. Anna Bell MacMillan has been ill for the past week, but is recovering.

## Friendship Center Repairs Continue

With the completion of the exterior painting work on the so-called Friendship Center building this week workmen have moved indoors to speed up painting and decorating on the first floor.

The building, formerly housing the national headquarters of the American Youth Hostels, was recently insulated throughout.

The Development Committee recently completed a survey of the building for renting purposes and following a study of these figures the tentative rental scale will be available to interested individuals or groups.

## Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schepp have returned from a few days vacation spent on Cape Cod.

Rev. C. O. Dunham of Grafton, Vt. was a visitor in town last week calling on friends. He is pastor of the Federated Church in that town and has a summer cottage in the Highlands.

Rev. Ellis E. Jones, minister of the Vernon Union Church, for the past 28 years, has resigned his pastorate, as of August 1.

Louis M. Potts is vacationing in Hudson, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Sprague of Exeter, N.H., have been visiting Mr. Sprague's sisters, Mrs. Symonds and Mrs. Lazzelle, this past week.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 15, Meeting of the local Salvation Army Committee at the Homestead, 7:30 p. m.

August 17, Blood Donor day, Congregational Church, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

V. F. W. Meeting, Post Home, W. Northfield, 8 p. m.

August 23, Northfield Garden Club Flower Show at the Chateau, 2 p. m. to 10 p. m.

August 24, Northfield Garden Club Flower Show at the Chateau, 10 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Advent Christian Church Auction at the Kendall Farm, 10 a. m.

August 26, KFC meeting, town hall, 8 p. m.

August 27, Unitarian Church auction, church lawn, 1 p. m.

September 9, KFC Forum, town hall, 8 p. m.

Regional Consolidation, September 10, 11.

Salvation Army concert, town hall.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

On the Church Lawn — 1 P.M.

THERE WILL BE VARIOUS ARTICLES — LARGE AND SMALL — SOME OLD — SOME NEW — TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION.

IF YOU ATTENDED LAST YEAR YOU WILL WANT TO COME AGAIN. IF YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN TO A COUNTRY AUCTION - DON'T MISS IT!

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The Ladies will also hold a Food Sale During the Afternoon

Saturday - August 27 - 1 o'clock p.m.

## GUESTS

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## Is Mark Twain Right?

Northfield described in Pearson's Magazine about 1875: "Moody (D. L. Moody) now lives in the little mountain town of Northfield, Mass., where he was born. Mark Twain would describe it, I expect, as a one-horse town. During the last 20 years it has made no progress."

In 1850, a hundred years ago, the population of Northfield was 1772. In 1945, the last official figure, the population of Northfield was 2064.

Over a period of one century, the population of the town has remained more or less static, with but an increase of 2.9 persons each year.

Father Time and the Stork have waged a nip and tuck struggle all the way along the line for the past century.

Is it possible that if a writer came to Northfield in this year 1949 he would again say, "during the last 100 years it has made no progress."

Beginning with the year 1865, Northfield has had through the years many and varied crafts and industries, including: sawmills, gristmills, blacksmiths, brickmaking, weaving, shoemaking, malt making, cordwanning, tanning, hatters, potashmaking, clothier, broom-making, foundries, and many, many more.

It is time that the community re-examined itself in preparing for the future by taking cognizance of the past.

No community can remain static and yet remain solvent.

Town officials as well as residents should study seriously what can be done to insure a stable community in whatever times that are ahead for the entire country.

There are many things that we can do for ourselves that are being done for us by others.

## "A Tankful of Gas"

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Throughout Franklin County, small towns and large towns have gone ahead and built swimming pools for the children — and the adults — of their respective communities.

Northfield is in a position to set up a swimming pool, and there is no valid or apparent reason why they should not have a swimming pool. The least of the objections would be the "so-called astronomical rise in the tax rate."

With proper financing, and due consideration for the taxpayer, the rise in taxation would be no more than the price of one tankful of gas that is needed to get to some other pool, or the admission you pay to swim in another pool.

Without attempting to "keep up with the Jones" it would mark a milestone if Northfield were to join the vast number of communities sponsoring a community swimming pool.

## "Hat in the Ring"

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War II began to look around and put his experience to use. Veterans, and war veterans as well, should start looking at their eye on some of the local political offices. There would be nothing like a little open and old-fashioned political campaigning to liven up the local scene.

There ought to be plenty of hats in the ring next fall and winter.

## "Want to Bet?"

The following editorial is reprinted from Collier's magazine, July 30, 1949:

**RESPECT FOR OUR BETTERS**  
Two men from Missouri were having a difference of opinion.

"Want to bet?" the first one asked, and then allowed that he was willing to bet a dollar. The second Missourian said he'd take the bet. And that's all there is to the story, except that the first Missourian was Pete Brandt of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and the second one was the President of the United States.

Maybe it isn't much of a story but we liked it. We discussed it with a couple of people who didn't.

One of them said that Mr. Truman or somebody should have reprimanded the reporter for such a flip suggestion, especially since he neglected to preface it with the customary "Mr. President." The other thought the whole performance reflected on the dignity of Mr. Truman's high office.

We couldn't agree. The incident took place at a White House Press conference, where the correspondents meet the President on a man-to-man and toe-to-toe basis to get the chief executive's firsthand report on what he's thinking and doing about the people's business. Sometimes the questions are pretty pointed, and the answers equally sharp.

We think this give-and-take is a healthy practice. We also think it is a symptom of a healthy form and conduct of government. The Presidency is a dignified office. But the man who holds the office inherits the dignity; he doesn't create it. His authority is great but limited, and he is always accountable for the way he uses it. He is neither hereditary monarch nor self-perpetuating dictator, but a private citizen turned public servant. And he can be treated like a human being without disrespect.

There are some who think a nation's highest office should be protected by a hedge of formality and aloofness. But as for us, we'd rather live in a country where a reporter can bet a buck with the President on the odds of a king.

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## Soap Holes Found Value in Disguise

**Produce Magic Mud With Multiple Uses**

Ever since Belle Fourche, S. D., was a rip-roaring cattle town at the end of the old Chisholm trail its residents have been damning the "soap holes" that plagued the area.

Fast-riding cowboys often took a nasty tumble in this super-slippery mud and cattle were forever getting bogged down in them.

But now, like a man discovering his hives are really a blessing, Belle Fourche has found its soap holes are one of its biggest assets.

Every one of them is filled with a magic mud called bentonite. It's an odorless, tasteless, soapy mud with a thousand uses and scientists are thinking up new ones every day.

Most of us already are using it a half dozen times a day, but almost nobody has heard of it. Men use it in shoe polish and hand cleaners. Women use it in face



Bentonite is the most absorbent material found in nature. When moistened it swells to several times its normal size. This quality makes it useful in waterproofing housing foundations and many other industrial uses.

powder, lotions, beauty creams. Bentonite also is found in many types of paint, plaster and cleaning agents. It's handy for filling holes in giant dams and for casting moulds for molten metal. Forced down thousands of feet into the earth this magic mud lubricates the drills in oil wells and sends the debris up to the drillers.

Its new uses and increasing popularity for its older uses all add up to a boom such as Belle Fourche hasn't seen since the gold rush. In the past 10 years the population has practically doubled and bentonite now pours \$600,000 a year into the town in the form of additional purchasing power.

Fifteen years ago Belle Fourche shipped out three carloads of bentonite. Last year its production was 6,187 carloads and this year they expect carloadings to go considerably higher.

Scientists say that bentonite, a strange mixture made up mostly of dust from prehistoric volcanoes, is found almost nowhere in the world except in the Black Hills of Wyoming and South Dakota.

It is the most absorbent material nature ever has devised, they say, and a half dozen teaspoonsful will soak up a glass of water.

## Bond Price Chart

AMOUNTS OF VARIOUS FARM PRODUCTS REQUIRED TO BUY A \$1000 SERIES B SAVINGS BOND AT COST PRICE OF \$750

PRODUCT	1932	1935	1940
Hogs, 200 lb.	112	40	20
Cattle, 1000 lb.	18	10	4
Milk, cwt.	584	446	173
Eggs, cases	176	144	60
Wheat, bu.	1,964	1,085	384
Corn, bu.	2,274	1,321	670
Cotton, bales	23	16	8
Tobacco, lb.	7,143	4,871	1,531
Potatoes, bu.	1,974	1,076	436
Apples, bu.	1,229	1,173	253

Based On Average Prices Received By Farmers

The above chart shows the almost unbelievable increase in the value of farm crops in the past 17 years, as depicted in a comparison of how much farm produce it takes now to buy a \$1,000 government savings bond with how much it would have required in 1932.

## Insect Killers Made By Synthetic Means

New pyrethrum-like chemicals that kill insects have been made synthetically for the first time in the laboratories of the bureau of entomology and plant quarantine. It has been announced by the U. S. department of agriculture.

The chemical makeup of the synthetic materials is almost identical with that of the insect-killing principle in pyrethrum, according to the chemists.

## Sex Hormones May Reduce Swine Production Problems

Skilled use of sex hormones in hogs offers a possibility of bringing more pork to American dinner tables and of easing the multiple problems of swine production at the same time, according to a report in a national veterinary journal.

Dr. L. M. Hutchings of Purdue university, writing in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical association, said this hormone technique was developed by Professors H. H. Cole and E. H. Hughes of the University of California.

Injection of the hormone, equine gonadotropin, into sows after the fortieth day of lactation shortened as much as two to four weeks the period between successive farrowings, Dr. Hutchings stated.

In addition to shortening the farrowing season, use of the hormone would allow greater lifetime production per breeding animal—at least one extra litter per sow—provided farmers could adjust their feeding and management schedules to meet the stepped-up production program.

Effectiveness of the hormone is attributed to its marked stimulating action on the ovaries. In the hands of experts, it was over 95 per cent efficient in bringing about desired results, the writer said.

When Young Men Went West

Our great Northwest is important as the place where organized United States government first reached the Pacific ocean. This happened 100 years ago—only 73 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. On August 14, 1848, President James Polk created Oregon territory, a mammoth province from which the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and parts of Wyoming and Montana were later carved. Orderly government reached the Oregon country by wagon. Hardly had serious-minded farmers and ranchers whipped tired oxen over the last mile of Oregon trail before they had set up a provisional government at Champoug, near Portland, Ore., in 1843. In one jump they projected the nation's frontier 2,000

## Carpet Beetles and Moths Routed by DDT Oil Spray

Toxic qualities of DDT may make its use in many places questionable, but there are still many places where the insecticide can be used to advantage.

Jack Lomax, extension entomologist, University of Nebraska, suggests that cleaning of clothes closets can be followed up with a DDT spray on the walls, woodwork, baseboards, and shelves. Such a spray gives protection against clothes moths and carpet beetles.

An oil spray is best because it does not leave the white deposit the water spray does. It should be a residual spray rather than aerosol bombs or space sprays if it is to be effective over many months. Aerosol spray kills flying insects or those which happen to be exposed at the time, but has no lasting effect.

DDT can be sprayed lightly on wool clothing without injuring the fabric. Too much solution may show up as whitish traces on dark clothing, but this can be removed by brushing or dry cleaning.

DDT protects clothing hanging in closets, but moth flakes or crystals are advised for clothing stored in bags, trunks or other containers where fumigating effects are desired. Added protection is given stored clothing by spraying them and

## Once-a-Week Irrigation Gives Ton Increase in Hay

Once-a-week irrigation for alfalfa hay gave higher yields than two other methods of irrigation in 1947 experiments at the Afton substation farm of the University of Wyoming. W. L. Quayle, head of the university's department of subtations, said here today.

Quayle said that alfalfa which received a weekly irrigation, amounting to 11 applications during the season, produced over a ton more hay per acre than the two other methods. These latter included irrigation whenever it was judged that the alfalfa needed it amounting to five applications during the season, and irrigation every two weeks, amounting to six applications during the season.

Alfalfa getting the weekly irrigation, the substation director said, produced 8,450 pounds of hay per acre. Alfalfa getting irrigation as needed produced 6,000 pounds of hay, and alfalfa irrigated every two weeks produced 6,275 pounds of hay.

## "Two Color Radar" Developed

Surveillance radar, one of the most ingenious electronic developments of World War II, has been provided with a revolutionary improvement—a two-color viewing screen—to bring new efficiency to the radio systems used by the nation's airports in controlling the traffic of the skies. One important feature of two-color radar is the equipment's "scanning" rate. Basically, radar is a revolving "searchlight" and "eye" which—using a rotating antenna—scans the horizon for aircraft or missiles. The instant the rotating searchlight illuminates an object in the field of its search, its presence and location is echoed back to the "eye"

## Entertainment and Amusement Guide

### LATCHIS MEMORIAL BRATTLEBORO

2:15 6:30 8:30

Fri. - Sat. Aug. 12 - 13

"THE GIRL FROM JONES BEACH"  
RONALD REAGAN  
VIRGINIA MAYO

Sun. - Tues. Aug. 14 - 16

"COME TO THE STABLE"  
LORETTA YOUNG  
CELESTE HOLM

Wed. - Thurs. Aug. 17 - 18

"IMPACT"  
BRIAN DONLEVY  
ELLA RAINES

### GARDEN Theatre Greenfield

Continuous from 1:30

Sat. - Tues. Aug. 13 - 16

MITCHUM  
GREER  
BENDIX  
THE BIG STEAL

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"RHYTHM HITS THE ICE"

Wed. - Fri. Aug. 17 - 19

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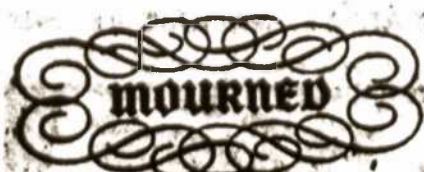
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## LEWIS HODOUS

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He was called to head the Chinese Department of the Kennedy School of missions at Hartford in 1917 and continued in that position until his retirement in 1945. He was a lecturer at Columbia University in the Chinese department from 1923 to 1928. He was a member of the north China branch of the Royal Asiatic society, the board of trustees of Fokien Union university, the American Oriental society, and served on a committee on Chinese studies of the American Council of Learned Societies. In Hartford, he belonged to Immanuel Congregational church.

He is a graduate of Western Reserve University, 1897, Phi Beta Kappa, and received a D.D. from his alma mater. In 1900 he was graduated from Hartford Theological seminary and then studied at the University of Halle and at Leiden. He has written widely on Chinese and Buddhist subjects. He was author of "Folkways in China," "Buddhism and Buddhists in China,"

and collaborated with Prof. William Edward Soothill of Oxford university in writing, "A Dictionary of Buddhist Terms."

In 1901, he married Anna Jelinek of Cleveland. He is survived by three children: Jerome Lewis of Hemet, Calif., Dr. Frederick Otis of Edgewood, Ill., and Mrs. Rachel M. Erickson of Mount Hermon, with whom Dr. Hodous made his home. A brother, Frank Hodous of Cleveland, also survives him.

The funeral was held at Mount Hermon chapel Thursday at 2 p. m.

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Most of the main floor of the Chateau will be occupied by the many and colorful exhibits scheduled for this year's show.

The central exhibit area will include the reception room, the rotunda room and the drawing room, with a number of exhibits in the billiard room.

Ribbons will be awarded the winners in various classes. Among the judges will be several members of the faculty at the University of Massachusetts.

As usual, a number of unusual displays will be featured at the show. Phil Porter, who in years past has received acclaim for his

fine horticultural work, will once again be represented at the show with some unusual floral arrangement.

The show will open at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and will remain open until 10 p. m., while on Wednesday the show will open at 10 a. m. and close at 9 p. m.

All exhibits must be ready for inspection of the judges by 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, August 23.

The schedule and arrangements committee met at the Chateau this week to go over plans for the show. Members of the committee are: Mrs. George W. Carr, chairman; Mrs. R. Johnson, Mrs. R. Stone, C. Heseltine, I. J. Lawrence, Mrs. G. Beming, Mrs. M. Vorce and Mrs. M. Nims.

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The wheat, which Victor Rasmussen is holding, is a sample of the crop from the 2,000 acres of wheat land, which is owned jointly by these two men and their brother Reuben, who was too busy farming that day to get in the picture.

The Rasmussens' wheat, which was hard red winter of the Cache variety with a test weight of 64 pounds per bushel, took first place in the 8th annual Philip W. Pillsbury judging for best United States wheat raised in 1948. The grain competed with 37 samples from 20 other states when the judging was held in Minneapolis.

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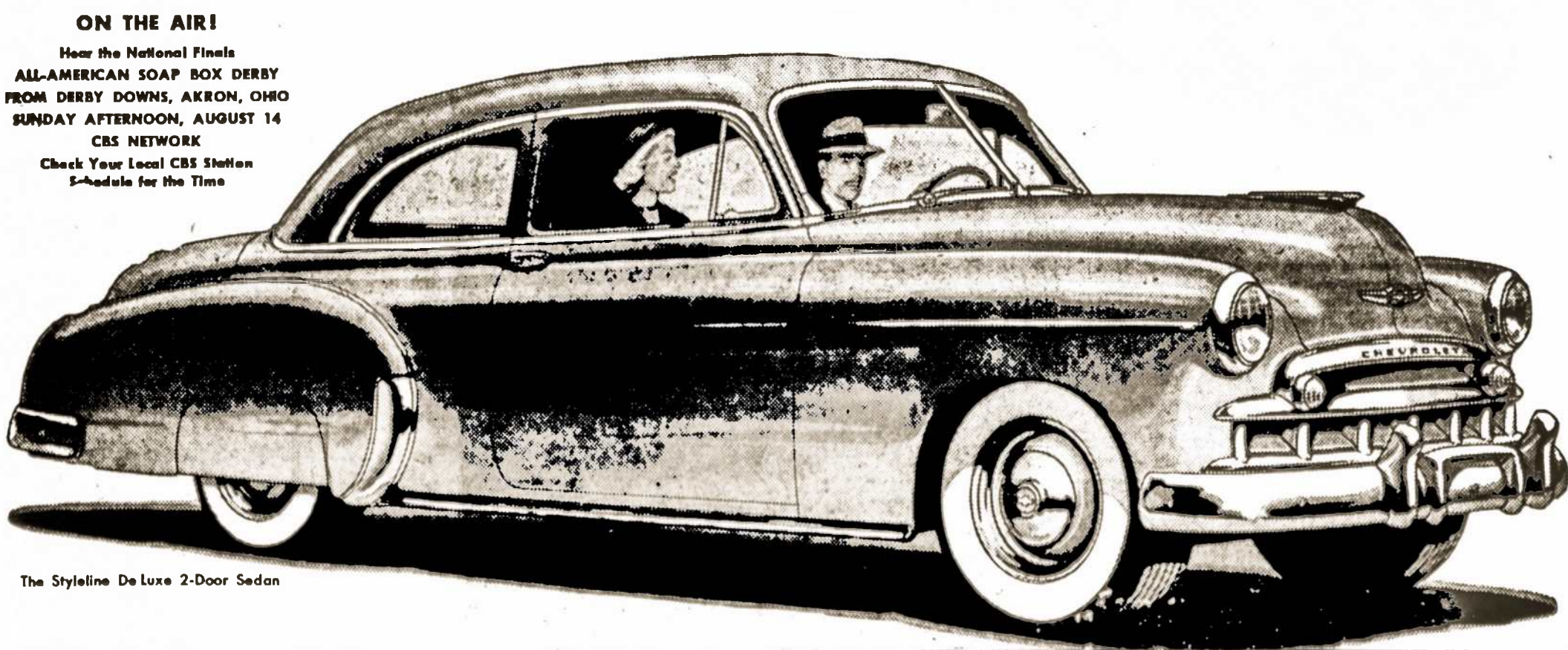
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GERTRUDE C. WHITNEY

By the time this appears in print, it may be cold and rainy; just now it is hot and still dry. Yesterday, having mail to get off in a hurry, I walked to the post office with the thermometer standing at 98 degrees Fahrenheit. At the top of the hill, I met another pedestrian coming from the opposite direction, who remarked in passing, "We could use some of this next winter."

That's the proper attitude. No complaining, just taking whatever

comes and adjusting one's self to conditions. Busy people do not have time to complain about the weather; they just remove a few superfluous layers of clothing and keep on working. It is the armchair loungers at summer hotels with time hanging heavy on their hands, who sigh, "Oh dear! Isn't it hot?" while they fan themselves on cool piazzas.

I'd like to hand a pair of overalls and a big straw hat and a hoe to every one of these fat old dowagers and send them down into the field to weed and till up a row of beets or carrots. "No work, no vegetables!" would be my slogan, if I kept a country hotel. Nothing better in the world for sessile arthritics, given the right diet, than

sunshine, exercise and perspiration, especially the latter.

I have been weeding myself this morning. What satisfaction I took in yanking up all the ragweed I could find, that arch enemy of so-called hayfever victims! I guess you haven't been reading my column, for the noxious weed has gotten an alarming start here in East Northfield and not much is being done about it. Here is a splendid project for girl and boy scouts.

Success in any field of endeavor, they tell us, is one tenth inspiration and nine tenths perspiration, especially if one would have a fine garden. It is everlastingly keeping after things that bring results: feeding thirsty roots, weeding, hoeing, destroying insect pests, and mulching them to keep in what moisture may be left in the ground.

What a horde of black ants the dry weather has brought us! Take care that you don't leave any sweet stuff on your pantry shelves, or you'll invite a long trail of ants to your party. Once inside, they are extremely hard to get rid of.

Rose hips and ramblers stalks that have already blossomed should be removed and covered with a layer of loam in the compost heap. The woody seed vessels of lilacs should be cut off and the "suckers" removed from the roots, unless one wishes to make a thick lilac hedge. I have heard rose hedges advocated as a natural fence for cattle but one would surely need to plant the very prickly varieties. I well remember our consternation one day in Louisiana, where the cattle which then had free range, had found the garden gate swinging and had walked in and chewed the blossoms off of some of our lovely tea roses! Obviously tea roses wouldn't do for hedges.

I have also heard that sawdust makes an ideal mulch for strawber-

ries. After a time it rots and actually enriches the soil, as well as keeping the plants from drying up. I have already spoken of "pine needles" as being an excellent mulch for pansies. Do not let your pansies run out. Keep them picked, or the vigor of the plants will go into producing seeds before you want them.

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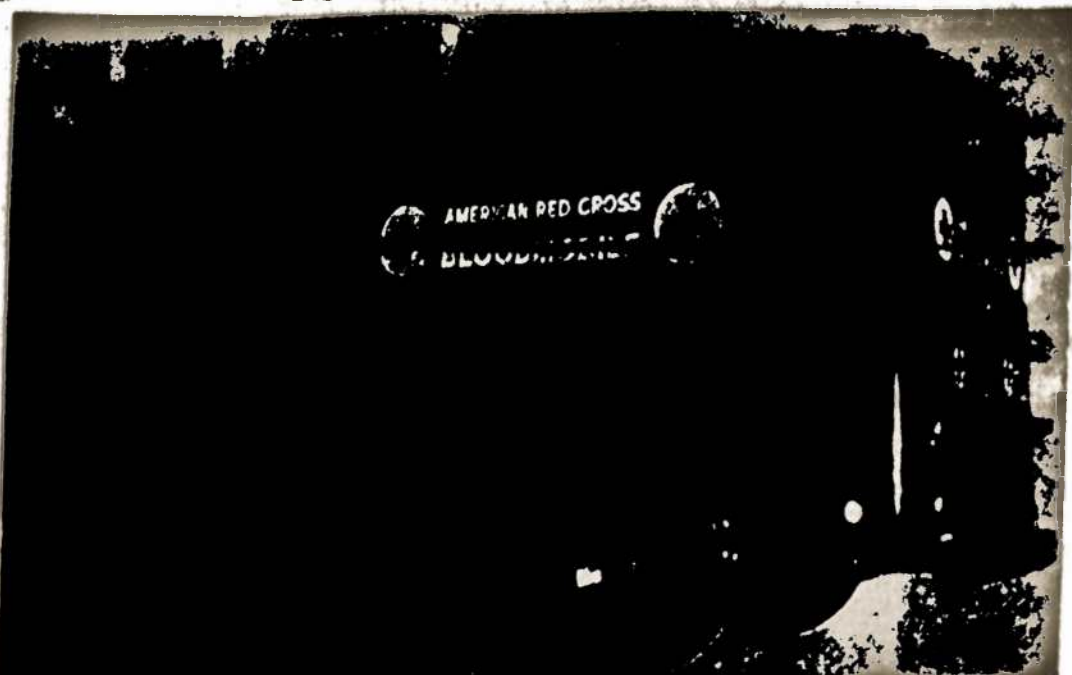
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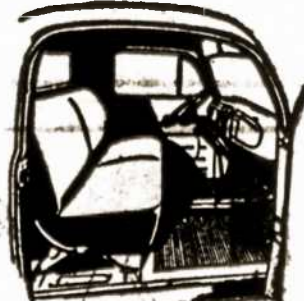
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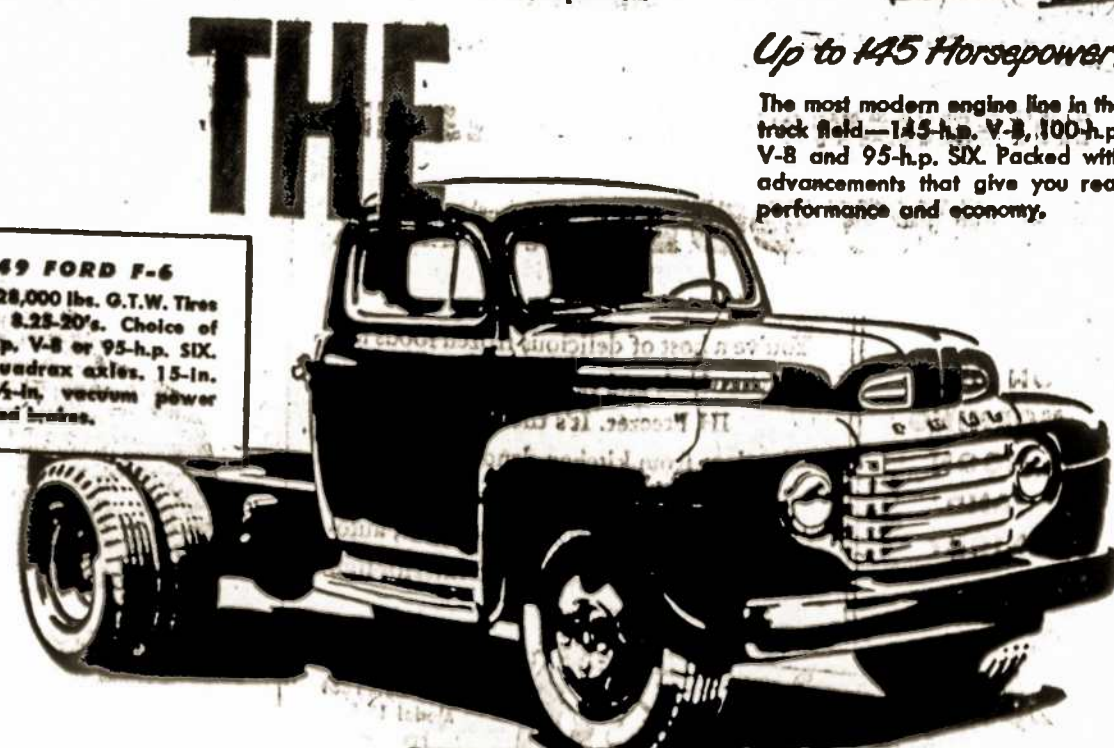
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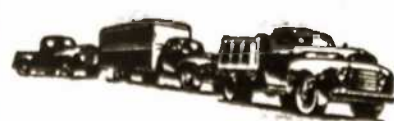
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